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Steven L. Highlander

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Thomas SPIES and Veronika SPIES

Group Art Unit: 1644

Serial No.: 09/855,612

Examiner: DECLoux, Amy M.

Filed: May 14, 2001

Atty. Dkt. No.: FHCC:003USC1/SLH

For: CELL STRESS REGULATED HUMAN  
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**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND TO  
OFFICE ACTION DATED SEPTEMBER 10, 2002**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Commissioner:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants petition for an extension of time of three-months to and including January 10, 2003 in which to respond to the Office Action dated September 10, 2002.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, a check in the amount of \$460.00 is enclosed, which is the process fee (\$460.00) for a three-month extension of time.

If the check is inadvertently omitted, or should any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to the enclosed materials, or should an

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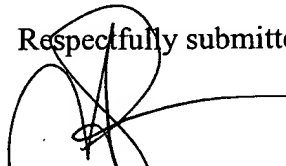
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overpayment be included herein, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct or credit said fees from or to Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. Account No.: 50-1212/10105269/SLH.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steven L. Highlander', is written over the typed name and registration number.

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